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SRI K. B. S. MANI: கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களுக்கு சலுகை கொடுப்பதாக கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். ஹரிஜனங்கள் ஏதாவது கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் அமைத்து பஸ் பர்மிட்டுக்காக மனு போட்டார்களா? அப்படியில்லையென்றால் தனிப்பட்டவர்கள் எத்தனை பேர் மனு போட்டார்கள்?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: பஸ் பர்மிட் கொடுப்பதற்கு நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்துக்கொள்பவர் ரீஜினல் டிரான்ஸ்போர்ட் அதாரடி. என்ன மனு போட்டார்கள் எப்படிப் போட்டார்கள் என்பதற்கெல்லாம் தனிக் கேள்வி போட்டால் விவரம் கொடுக்கப்படும்.

Arcade (Round Tana)

* 450 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal to construct an arcade with sub-way at the Round Tana?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: The Government have accorded administrative approval to the scheme. Detailed plans and estimates for the arcade are under preparation by the Corporation of Madras.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: May I know the details of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: I have just now stated that they are under preparation by Corporation of Madras.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know what the other places in Madras City are where sub-ways with arcade will be constructed?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: I think we are proceeding with the present scheme only. With regard to others, I have no information.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: What are the exact buildings abutting Mount Road in Round Tana which will be affected by this sub-way? At what point this sub-way would be constructed?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Details are being worked out. I require a separate question for this.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: Is the entire expenditure met by local Government or by Corporation?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: The expenditure during the current financial year is shared by state Government and the Corporation.

Mettur Tunnel Scheme

* 468 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI): Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Mettur Tunnel Scheme was arranged to be inaugurated by the President of India originally and was given up later.

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(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) the expenses incurred for the arrangements for the President's inauguration function?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Sales-tax

* 512 *Q*.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be please to state—

(*a*) the annual sales-tax collected on glass bangles and beads for the past three years;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received from the merchants dealing in those goods for either exemption from or reduction in sales tax; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Figures are not available for the years 1957–58, and 1958–59.

1959–60—Rs. 1,10,066 for glass bangles alone.

(*b*) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received requesting exemption from sales-tax in respect of bangles; none in respect of beads;

(*c*) The representations are under the consideration of the Government.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is it not a fact that glass bangles on which the rate of tax was raised from 1/2 per cent to 2 per cent and then subsequently to 6 per cent at single point, do not come under schedule I of item 54 of the Act of 1959?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is not so. On the other hand all glass articles come under this. Therefore bangles will be covered.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is it not a fact that due to representation by persons interested in this trade that this sales-tax was totally abolished in States like Madhya Pradesh, Mysore and Maharashtra?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I cannot answer questions about Madhya Pradesh and Mysore.

SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY : தங்கம் மங்கையர்களுக்கு மங்கலச் சின்னமாக விளங்குவதால் இதற்கு விற்பனை வரியை அகற்ற அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கேட்ட கேள்வி என்னமோ சங்கிலி மாதிரி இருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது விற்பனையை அகற்றுவதற்கு உத்தேசம் இல்லை.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. the Minister aware of the fact that there is a tendency among the merchants dealing in this trade to go away from our State and establish their business